

OKAUCHEE LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

May 11, 2015 -- 7 P.M.

Town of Oconomowoc Town Hall

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MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Commissioner Jan Husak called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

D. Johnson moved to appoint Tom Godar as Chair for this meeting due to the absence of Carol Wilson. D. Schriver seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

2. Meeting Notice Announcement

The meeting notice announcement was distributed to local newspapers, posted at the Town of Oconomowoc Town Hall, two boards, and on the OLMD website.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. Roll Call of Commissioners

Present

Tom Godar

Jan Husak

Dennis Johnson

Dee Schriver

Absent

Carol Wilson

Also Present

Pat Furno, Accountant for the District

Ben Heussner, Wisconsin DNR Fisheries Biologist

5. Correspondence

None.

6. Comments from the Floor

There was no one present wishing to comment at this time.

7. Comments from Committee Members

J. Husak noted state legislation was being considered which would allow community members to be appointed in the event a municipal representative could not be found to provide representation on a lake management district commission. More information would be available in November, 2015 on this matter.

8. Discuss & Act on Report of the Treasurer

D. Schriver reported the following:

Total Revenues:	\$312,144.92
Total Expenditures:	<u>\$119,760.28</u>
Total:	\$192,384.64

Discussion ensued regarding the costs associate with motors included in the expenditures. Clarification was provided regarding a misclassification of this item.

D. Johnson moved to approve the Report of the Treasurer as presented. J. Husak seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

9. Approve Checks & Vouchers

D. Johnson moved to approve the June 8, 2015 list of bills as presented. D. Schriver seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

10. Approve Minutes (May 11, 2015)

D. Johnson moved to approve the minutes from the May 11, 2015 meeting as presented. J. Husak seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

11. Aquatic Plant Management Report

D. Johnson explained reports had been received from residents regarding geese in the Okauchee Lake area recently. More than 60 geese had been spotted in and around the lake. A Goose Round-Up was slated for later in the month with USDA staff. With regard to lake operations, an outside crew had conducted a spring check-up on the hydraulics with improved assembly operations as a result. Diesel fuel pricing had created an issue since the last Commission meeting. Costs and delivery minimums were becoming cost prohibitive; however, discussions with the oil delivery service yielded a purchase of a larger 200 gallon tank for \$1. This purchase eliminated the \$1,200.00 cost for seasonal delivery charges. Weed cutting was just getting started for the year due to the winter ice depth, cool temperatures and rainfall this spring.

12. Presentation by Ben Heussner of the Wisconsin DNR

Ben Heussner, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Fisheries Biologist, explained a fish survey had been conducted on Okauchee Lake in the 2013-2014 season. A comprehensive fish survey report was being written and had not yet been completed. Overall, Okauchee Lake was a great fishery with nice size Bass, Muskie and Northern Pike. Walleye were lacking a bit as survival past the first year was difficult. Cisco provided great forage for predators and if the walleyes survived the first year, provided plentiful feeding for the walleye. B. Heussner then explained the process for setting seine nets and trapping fish to provide a report. Different species were counted and noted in histogram format in a packet distributed to Commissioners at this time. A comprehensive survey report would be provided to Commissioners at a future date.

Discussion ensued regarding the stocking history, tools and size of Muskie and Walleye in Okauchee Lake as well as the cost to stock these different sizes of fish. B. Heussner also reviewed the roles and responsibilities of his position with the Wisconsin DNR. Discussion further ensued regarding the impact of zebra mussels on the fishing industry for lakes, noting that some fish species were having survival issues. The zebra mussels fed on phytoplankton that other fish relied on for food. As a result, it was more difficult for smaller fingerling fish to survive as food could be scarce and they could be more easily spotted by predators without shelter among the weeds. While the water clarity improved because weeds were gone, certain fish, such as walleye, needed turbidity to reproduce and because of improved water clarity, there were fewer fish. This had prompted the DNR to introduce a program where good woody structures were established in lakes to provide a spawning reef and external food source of certain types of plankton for various types of fish species. B. Heussner explained he would provide a brief summary of the comprehensive fish survey report to the OLMD in the next month.

13. Update on Road T Boat Launch

B. Heussner reported work progressed on the Road T Boat Launch project; however, the launch was not anticipated to be open anytime this summer.

Bob Sokolowicz, N64 W34899 Road J, explained there were two retention ponds dug out that had piles of dirt with no one working in the construction area. This was an erosion concern and it was disappointing to see no one working on the site. T. Godar agreed, noting this was a smaller project and should not require three months to complete. It would have been prudent to find a contractor eager to complete the project that would respond in a timely fashion to the need for project completion. Communication regarding the project was lacking and negative impacts to various contractors requiring access to the lake had been limited as a result of this project timeline. D. Johnson explained cooperative efforts had been made to allow the contractors impacted by the construction project to access the lake through the OLMD access point. B. Heussner explained he would provide feedback to the construction project managers regarding these matters.

14. Discuss & Act on Enforcement of Special Use Permit Restrictions

Historical background information on the issue of special use permit restrictions and regulations was shared by various Commissioners. Pier charges were different based upon access rights. Enforcement of the permit restrictions was complaint driven and provided by the DNR in most cases. In some cases, certain permits were issued and the number of dock sites changed due to zoning. These permits would then require additional review by County zoning staff. Issues with special use permits and enforcement could be directed to the DNR.

15. Discuss Website Items

The website continued to be used by individuals for Goose Round-Up submissions and had been updated regularly with lake levels and other pertinent construction information. Fish photos and a preliminary summary of the fish survey report provided by Ben Heussner would be placed on the OLMD website.

16. Future Agenda Items

- Update on the Road T Boat Launch
- Discussion of Annual Meeting Agenda

17. Set Future Meetings

The next Commission meeting was scheduled for July 13, 2015 at 7 P.M. at the Town of Oconomowoc Town Hall. A budget workshop meeting was scheduled for July 27, 2015.

18. Adjournment

J. Husak moved to adjourn the June 8, 2015 Okauchee Lake Management District meeting. D. Johnson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:03 P.M.

Minutes prepared by:

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